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*Emily Grant comes to Georgia Southern from UNLV*

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**STATESBORO, Ga** – Georgia Southern women's soccer Coach [Brian Dunleavy](#) announced Wednesday that [Emily Grant](#) will be joining the coaching staff as the new assistant coach.

Grant comes to Georgia Southern from UNLV, where she was an assistant coach for

two years. While with UNLV, Grant was also the head coach of the U-15 and U-17 girls at Heat Football Club in Las Vegas.

"Throughout the interview process, Emily stood out amongst an incredibly qualified group of candidates," Dunleavy said. "I wanted to bring someone to Georgia Southern that will make a positive impact in the lives of our student-athletes and help elevate the level of our program. She has all the qualities I was looking for in an assistant coach; she possesses a vast understanding of the game, and has the ability to convey her ideas in an approachable, yet authoritative manner."

Prior to her coaching position with UNLV, Grant attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in classical civilization in 2012. Grant also coached the U-10 and U-14 girls at the Tennessee Soccer Club in Nashville and helped guide the team to the 2012 Tennessee State Cup Finals.

In her time at Vanderbilt, Grant was a two-time team captain and helped the Commodores reach two SEC Tournament quarterfinal rounds during her career. Grant was named overall MVP as a senior and, following graduation, was captain of the Philadelphia Eagles of the Women's Premiere Soccer League in the summer of 2012.

"Emily's playing and coaching backgrounds are both at very high levels and I'm looking forward to the fresh ideas and insight she will bring to the coaching staff," Dunleavy said. "Emily will be a fantastic ambassador for our program in recruiting future student-athletes and will help improve Georgia Southern women's soccer in all areas."

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